

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that Claims 2-4 are allowed, and that this application is in condition for allowance but for the absence of an oath or declaration identifying the city and either state or foreign country of residence of the inventor Haruo ARAKAWA.

Accordingly, enclosed herewith is an executed combined declaration and power of attorney setting forth all necessary inventor information, including the city and foreign country of residence of Haruo ARAKAWA.

Thus, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such is requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner feel that a teleconference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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